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Applicant(s): LIJIE QIAO ET AL

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Application No. 10/800,747	Filing Date Mar. 16, 2004	Examiner Eric L. Bolda	Customer No. 07380	Group Art Unit 3663	Confirmation No. 1176
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Invention: **OPTICAL SIGNAL AMPLIFIER AND METHOD**

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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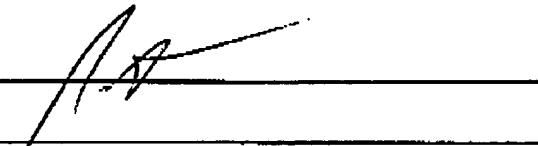
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This is in response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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